

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute Claims 1 through 13, 16, 17 and 19 with the following amended claims.

1. [Currently Amended] A clamshell package comprising:  
  
a housing comprising:  
  
a first portion made from a substantially tear-resistant material having a grain aligned in substantially one direction;  
  
a second portion made from a substantially tear-resistant material having a grain aligned in a direction contrary to said grain of said first portion so as to result in a substantially criss-cross pattern of grain when said first and second portions are placed together so as to provide resistance to tearing in multiple directions; and  
  
an opening in the ~~top half~~ first portion of the housing; and  
  
a display chamber substantially surrounded by and extending through said opening of the first portion of the housing and is-secured within the housing.
2. [Currently amended] The clamshell ~~blister-pack~~ package of claim 1 wherein the second portion is fixedly attached to the first portion.
3. [Currently amended] The clamshell ~~blister-pack~~ package of claim 1 wherein the first and second portion are made from a printable material.
4. [Currently amended] The clamshell ~~blister-pack~~ package of claim 1 wherein the display chamber includes a rim that abuts against a side of the first portion of the housing when

the display chamber extends through the housing to retain the display chamber within the housing.

5. [Currently amended] The clamshell ~~blister pack~~ package of claim 1 wherein the substantially tear-resistant material is a SPS board coated with a polyethylene material.

6. [Currently amended] The clamshell ~~blister pack~~ package of claim 1 wherein the display chamber is made from a material that is substantially transparent.

7. [Currently amended] The clamshell ~~blister pack~~ package of claim 1 wherein the display chamber is made from a material that is substantially opaque.

8. [Currently amended] The clamshell ~~blister pack~~ package of claim 7 wherein the display chamber is made from a substantially tear-resistant material.

9. [Currently amended] The clamshell ~~blister pack~~ package of claim 8 wherein the substantially tear-resistant material is a SPS board coated with a polyethylene material.

10. [Currently amended] The clamshell ~~blister pack~~ package of claim 8 wherein the display chamber is substantially seamless.

11. [Currently amended] The clamshell ~~blister pack~~ package of claim 8 wherein the display chamber comprises an exterior, and wherein the display chamber includes graphics on the exterior.

12. [Currently amended] The clamshell blister pack of claim 1 which further comprises a slot extending through the first and second portions of the housing for use in displaying the clamshell package~~products~~.

13. [Currently amended] A blister pack for dispensing objects comprising:  
a blister sheet having one or more blisters, wherein each blister includes a cavity for housing an object; and

a housing comprising:

a first portion made from a substantially tear-resistant material, the first portion having a grain aligned in substantially one direction; and

a second portion made from a substantially tear-resistant material, the second portion having a grain aligned in a direction substantially contrary to the grain of the first portion and attached to the first portion so as to result in a substantially criss-cross pattern of grains to provide resistance to tearing in multiple directions,

wherein the blister sheet is positioned between the first portion and the second portion such that at least part of the cavity extends outward from the first portion.

14. [Original] The blister pack of claim 13 wherein the object is a pill.

15. [Original] The blister pack of claim 13 wherein the substantially tear-resistant material comprises a SPS board coated with a polyethylene material.

16. [Currently amended] A clamshell package comprising:

a housing comprising:

a first portion made from a substantially tear-resistant and printable material having grain aligned in a first direction;

a second portion made from a substantially tear-resistant material having grain aligned in a second direction substantially contrary to said grain of said first portion so as to result in a substantially criss-cross pattern of grain when said first and second portions are placed together so as to provide resistance to tearing in multiple directions; and

an opening in the first portion of the housing; and

a display chamber substantially surrounded by and extending through the opening of the first portion of the housing, wherein the display chamber includes a rim that abuts against the underside of the first portion of the housing when the display chamber is substantially surrounded by said first portion to secure the display chamber with respect to the housing, and wherein the display chamber is substantially seamless.

17. [Original] A clamshell package housing comprising:

a display chamber, wherein the display chamber is substantially seamless and substantially opaque;

a first portion made from a substantially tear-resistant material; and

a second portion adapted to be attached to the first portion to retain the display chamber therebetween.

18. [Original] The clamshell package housing of claim 17 wherein the display chamber further comprises graphics.

19. [Currently amended] A clamshell package housing comprising:  
a display chamber having an interior for containing one or more objects; and  
first and second panels of a material having a grain, wherein the first and second panels operably retain the display chamber so as to prevent undesired access to the one or more objects and wherein the display chamber extends outward from the first panel; and  
wherein the panels when combined have at least two substantially crossing grains when assembled so as to make such panels resistant to tearing in multiple directions.

20. [Original] The clamshell package of Claim 19 wherein said first and second panels are connected along one edge.

21. [New] A clamshell package comprising:  
a housing comprising:  
a first portion made from a SPS board coated with a substantially tear-resistant material having a grain aligned in substantially one direction;  
a second portion made from a SPS board coated with a substantially tear-resistant material having a grain aligned in a direction contrary to said grain of said first portion so as to

result in a substantially criss-cross pattern of grain when said first and second portions are placed together so as to provide resistance to tearing in multiple directions; and

- an opening in the first portion of the housing; and

- a display chamber substantially surrounded by and extending through said opening of the first portion of the housing and is-secured within the housing.

22. [New] The clamshell package of Claim 21 wherein the substantially tear-resistant material comprises polyethylene.

23. [New] A blister pack for dispensing objects comprising:

- a blister sheet having one or more blisters, wherein each blister includes a cavity for housing an object; and

- a housing comprising:

- a first portion made from a SPS board coated with a substantially tear-resistant material having a grain aligned in substantially one direction; and

- a second portion made from a SPS board coated with a substantially tear-resistant material having a grain aligned in a direction substantially contrary to the grain of the first portion and attached to the first portion so as to result in a substantially criss-cross pattern of grains to provide resistance to tearing in multiple directions,

- wherein the blister sheet is positioned between the first portion and the second portion such that at least part of the cavity extends outward from the first portion.

24. [New] The blister pack of Claim 23 wherein the substantially tear-resistant material comprises polyethylene.